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1. IN FEBRUARY 23 MEETING WITH FONOFF LAWYERS, LATTER AGREED THAT COMBINED FEES AND CHARGES FOR MOTORCYCLES WOULD BE \$55 PER YEAR RATHER THAN \$75, SUBJECT AS ALWAYS TO APPROVAL AT HIGHER LEVEL. WE BELIEVE THIS APPROVAL WILL BE GIVE. AFTER US REP SUGGESTED THAT USG WOULD WELCOME ACTION BY GOG TO DIFFEFENTITATE BETWEEN ONE-TIME FEES AND ANNUAL CHARGES, FONOFF LAWYERS NOTED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ROLE IN FORMULATING LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII OF NEW BILATERAL SOFA AND INTENDED TO SEEK INCLUSION OF THIS CONCEPT. IF THIS IS DONE,WE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE ONE-TIME FEES TO BE SET AT MORE THAN PERHAPS \$10 ON AUTOMOBILES AND \$5 ON MOTORCYCLES.

2. WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE CLEAN TEXTS OF FINAL
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VERSION OF SOFA AND OF COVERING NOTE TO FONOFF ON

FEBRUARY 25, AT WHICH TIME GREEK-LANGUAGE TEXTS WILL
BE PROVIDED BY FONOFF. WE NOTE THAT REF. B CONTEMPLATES
THAT THE CERTIFICATION OF CONFORMITY OF THESE TEXTS WILL
BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT, BUT ALLOWS FOR SUCH
CERTIFICATION AT POST. WE WILL BE POUCHING ENGLISH
AND GREEK TEXTS TO DEPARTMENT FOR REQUISITE CERTIFICATION
UNLESS DEPARTMENT WISHES THIS DONE IN EMBASSY AND SO
INSTRUCTS US.
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